

## PRICES FLUCTUATE IN ERRATIC FASHION

Wheat Declines, then rallies on Unfavorable  
Crop Reports—Primary Receipts  
surprisingly Small

New York, July 14.—There was much unsettlement in domestic wheat markets early in the week, prices fluctuating in an erratic fashion. For a time the drift was slightly downward, but it finally turned more favorable when the start of the spring wheat harvest in both sides of the border, crop prospects that having been improved by lower temperatures and beneficial rains over the winter wheat territory, and the fact which greatly facilitated harvestings, and larger receipts at primary points were predicted. Subsequently the domestic market was somewhat unsettled by an unfavorable monthly report of the Department of Agriculture, which showed a loss of 1 per cent in winter wheat condition, whereas practically no change was shown in spring wheat improvement. The condition given, however, suggested a crop of only 258,000,000 bushels, that country millers have been snapping up all of the new wheat that comes to their hands, as they have been more or less alarmed by the growing to the great scarcity of oil. As a result, the shipments of flour outward have been light, and consequently the price in all positions are known to be limited. Therefore, it is fair to suppose that distributors, makers, etc., will need to use new flour as soon as it becomes sufficient to supply the demand. It is probable that shippers to France have bought about eight loads of red winter wheat to arrive, but this could not be ascertained, although some imagined it might have been so. The American Traders as a body have been ignoring trivial fluctuations in European markets, as they realize that we have a large and growing spare for export, and that our surplus is not for the most part small quantities of flour for tropical markets and the Orient.

**Corn Market of the Week.**

There has been great feverishness and unsettlement in corn markets, owing to the abundance of conflicting information. In the case of the corn business, in general, the market tendency was slightly higher, and, nearly all speculators had been overconfident on the short side, and the market easily became overbald. Whenever an attempt was made to cover, it was soon discovered that offerings were excessive, and the market there was largely attributable to the recent dealings in higher prices in cash markets. Apparently, the quantity of corn available throughout the country is inadequate. Nervousness was caused also by uncertainty as to the crop outlook. In some sections there is alleged to be a late rain than necessary, while in other areas the crop is reported to be on the verge of failure.

**Firmness Laid in Week.** Late in the week there was greater firmness, as offerings were light and prices were anxious to cover, especially in corn, which was not so much damaged by rust, the weather being hot and muggy following rain. Conditions were just the kind calculated to produce a late covering and especially in corn, where the market was stimulated largely by continued remarkably small receipts at winter wheat points, the daily arrivals at the principal receiving centres being only about one per cent less than the corresponding days last year. Meanwhile shipments into consumptive channels, both domestic and foreign, were not so large, as hence were the receipts at the ports. It is still doubtful, however, whether a reduction in the visible supply on Monday. In some quarters it is claimed that the insufficient receipts were so traceable to the delay caused by rain, but however that may be,

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Danville, Va., July 14.—The past week has been the hottest that has been experienced here so far this year, and hardly a day has passed without the mercury at some time during the day reaching the ninety-degree mark. During the evenings many people have been seen in the park seeking coolness and relaxation.

The bi-weekly performance of the Old Dominion band at Ballou Park last night was well received. For the season, for at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Friday night, an appropriation of \$234 was made for a concert to be given once again.

Captain Harry Wooding, the Mayor of Danville has requested an increase in his salary. The amount of increase is \$1,500. The amount of bringing that official's total remuneration from the city to \$15,000.

Captain Wooding has been Mayor of this city for twenty-five years, and the increase requested on account of the same is \$1,500. The matter was brought before the Common Council on Tuesday night and was referred to the Finance committee for consideration.

Before the Board of Aldermen a heated discussion arose over it, and the matter was finally raised to the

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very week in the village. The main building is being made on the Danville Knitting Mills on 4th Street, and the walls of a new building measuring 95 feet by 100, are already being constructed. The cost of this improvement will be \$12,000, but the expense of installing new machinery will add considerably to this figure. The working force of the factory will be increased by about 25 percent by the time the addition is in full working order.

Preparations for a Danville fair, which will take place next October, are now being made and E. T. Barrow, the fair's manager is busily employed in getting things ready. The interest displayed by farmers is greater than usual and many of them are writing for attractive information.

Free attractions have already been booked for performances here during the fair and arrangements are being made for side shows which will be strictly moral and clean. The city officials are also beginning to prepare locations for the fair exhibits, these applications being made at an earlier period than last year. Altogether the prospect for a bigger and a better fair are very promising.

William Cooper, a young man who is bringing charges against a prostitute, was removed from the General Hospital to a cell in the city jail where he is now held with a charge of murder.

Cooper, who was also engaged in a battle with the chairman of the American Tobacco Company, W. B. Brooks, and initiated a severe wound in his neck which caused his death an hour after the affray. Cooper who had two slight flesh wounds on the head was taken to the hospital for treatment, where he remained under guard for

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